

# Indiana Trucking Tips

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## October 31, 2001

Third quarter Motor Carrier Fuel Tax (Form MCFT-101) and International Fuel Tax Agreement (Form IFTA-101) returns are due.

## November 30, 2001

Your 2002 BAS-1 and BAS-2 renewals for SSRS and/or USDOT are due. They will be mailed in September.

## 2002 Motor Carrier/IFTA Fuel Tax Renewals

The Department will be mailing the 2002 Motor Carrier/IFTA Fuel Tax Renewal Applications during the week of October 1, 2001. To ensure you have your credentials by December 31, 2001, you should file the License Renewal Form as soon as possible, but no later than December 1, 2001.

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## Railroad Crossing Law Affects all CMV Drivers

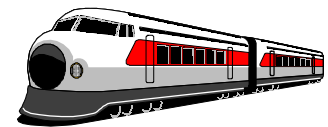
Effective July 1, 2001, Indiana Code Sections 9-24-6-6 and 9-24-6-7 were amended to comply with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 31311(a)(10). These provisions now include certain railroad violations as "serious offenses" that can lead to the disqualification of a commercial driver's license (CDL).

Railroad violations include:

- (1) Not slowing down and determining that the railroad tracks are clear of an approaching train.
- (2) Not stopping before reaching the railroad crossing, if there is an approaching train.
- (3) Not obeying traffic control devices or directions of a law enforcement officer at a railroad crossing.
- (4) Stopping in a railroad crossing.
- (5) Stopping in a railroad crossing due to insufficient undercarriage clearance.

A commercial motor vehicle driver who is convicted of any of the above violations is subject to having his or her CDL disqualified as follows:

- (1) A driver who is convicted for the first time during any three (3) year period is disqualified for at least sixty (60) days.
- (2) A driver who is convicted of a second railroad violation in separate incidents during any three (3) year period is disqualified for at least one hundred and twenty (120) days.
- (3) A driver who is convicted of a third railroad violation in separate incidents during any three (3) year period is disqualified for at least one (1) year.



## IRP Cab Cards - No Copies Please

IRP cab cards must not be copied or faxed. Copies, or faxed copies, of IRP cab cards will not be accepted by law enforcement officers on the road. The original cab card generated by our IRP office must be placed in the vehicle. Should a driver misplace or lose the original cab card, you must contact our office to obtain a new cab card. Each cab card contains a unique vehicle identifier called an "Enforcement Control Number (ECN)". The ECN allows the law enforcement officer to call our office and confirm the validity of the credential.

## IRP Non - Renewals & Refund Requests

All non-renewed license plates and refund requests must be postmarked or delivered to our office on or before the 17th day of your staggered month. For example, if your registration month is December, the plate is due back in our office (along with the cab card) on or before December 17. When you return the plate and cab card, please specify whether it is a refund request or a non-renewed license plate.

## CDL Physical Exam Information is Automated!

Commercial drivers and authorized companies can check the processing status of a Department of Transportation (DOT) physical examination form, **24 hours a day, seven days a week!** This service is available to individual drivers and to companies; however, companies must register with us and receive an authorization number.

Why is this such good news? Commercial Drivers' Licenses (CDL's) are valid for four (4) years, contingent upon valid medical certification. However, medical examiners certify the drivers' physical fitness for a period of up to two (2) years. Since the CDL endorsement is valid only as long as drivers remain medically qualified, the drivers' have to have a second physical exam, and file another DOT physical exam form before the first medical certification expires.

If any information is missing from the form, or if any of the examination results do not meet the CDL qualifications, the medical certification cannot be approved, and the CDL endorsement is revoked. So, the good news is that this new automated service provides instant access to your CDL medical exam status and tells you what you need to do next if there are any processing problems.

Drivers will need either their nine (9) digit Social Security Number or their ten (10) digit driver's license number when they call. If a motor carrier company wants to check on the status of its drivers, the company may file Form CDL-VRU and apply for an authorization number. A company will receive an authorization number with the understanding that it is for the company to use when checking on their drivers' physical exams status.

Drivers can call **(317) 615-7433** today and begin using this service! Call Carolyn Hill at (317) 615-7339 if you have questions or problems. You may also call Ms. Hill to get an Authorization Application form or you may download the form from our web site at [www.state.in.us/dor/mcs/pages/index.html](http://www.state.in.us/dor/mcs/pages/index.html).

## 2002 Interstate/Intrastate Renewals

Your annual Single State Registration (SSRS) and USDOT (Intrastate) applications (Forms BAS-1 & BAS-2) will be mailed out in the month of September. Your renewal applications are due back in our office on or before November 30, 2001, in order for your credential(s) to be mailed to you on time. If you have questions about your renewal please contact the Department at (317) 615-7350.

## Motor Carrier Services Telephone Numbers

<b>Commercial Drivers License</b> (317) 615-7335	<b>Motor Carrier Fuel Tax/IFTA</b> (317) 615-7345	<b>Oversize/Overweight Vehicle Permitting</b> (317) 615-7320	<b>Titles/Base Plate Registration</b> (317) 615-7340
<b>IRP</b> (317) 615-7340	<b>Operating Authority</b> (317) 615-7290	<b>Superload Permits</b> (317) 615-7325	<b>USDOT/SSRS</b> (317) 615-7350
<b>Indiana State Police</b> (317) 615-7373	<b>Oversize/Overweight Insurance</b> (317) 615-7349		

## New "Michigan Train" Requirements

House Bill 1578 became effective July 1, 2001. Generally, this new law states that all carriers who purchase Special Weight (commonly known as Michigan Train) Permits must now register annually with the Indiana Department of Revenue, and pay an annual registration fee of \$25.00.

The company must also place a transponder (approved by the Indiana Department of Revenue) in each "Michigan Train" vehicle. We are working to make this transition as easy as possible for you and will send you more information on the transponder requirements as it becomes available. We expect to have transponders available by the end of the year.

If you ordered Special Weight Permits during the last year, you are on our mailing list and will receive a packet of information by September 1 explaining how to register with us. If you have not ordered Special Weight Permits during the last year and are not on our mailing list, you may call our office at (317) 615-7320 to request a registration packet.

